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CLERK IN BANK IS ACCUSED OF STEALING DATA FOR GERMANY

Employee of Biggest U. S. Money Institution Arrested Soon After Four Others Are Taken for Alleged Canal Plot.

Names of 100 Spy Suspects Bared. Authorities Say, Following Quarrel Over \$15,000 Man Caught a Leader.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. Frederick Schindl, a German clerk employed in the National City bank, the largest banking institution in the country, was arrested today, charged with participating in the conspiracies alleged to have been directed against the allies.

Schindl is charged with having furnished to the Kaiser's secret service agents here information about financial matters passing through the hands of the National City Bank in connection with munitions purchases and other transactions of the allies.

His arrest was made a few hours after four other men were taken into custody, charged with plotting to blow up the Welland canal, connecting Lakes Erie and Ontario.

DOCUMENTS STOLEN.

Hearings in both cases were put over until January 12. Frederick Metzler, one of the alleged conspirators, is still within the jurisdiction of the New York courts, but will be brought to New York for arraignment.

Included among these alleged conspirators is Paul Koenig, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Hamburg-American line, and alleged director of German secret service activities in the United States.

The arrest of Schindl was made by Captain Tunney, of the police "architect" squad. Tunney declared the clerk confessed to him that he was paid \$5 a week to turn over to German agents information relating to munitions deals.

Bank May Make Statement.

Officers of the National City Bank would make no comment but said a statement probably would be issued later in the day.

Schindl was formally charged with the theft of cables and other valuable documents of the bank. According to the police the stolen documents related to allied munition shipments.

Schindl confessed when he was taken into custody at his home, Captain Tunney said. When his pockets were searched, a cablegram relating to a shipment of 200,000 rifles to the allies was found, according to the police officer.

Heavy Bail Fixed.

Schindl, Captain Tunney declared, admitted that he was a German resident. He applied at the German consulate at the beginning of the war, he said, but was told he could not be transported to Germany. A few months later he met Koenig, he said, and the latter suggested that he obtain documents in the bank.

United States Commissioner Hough today fixed Koenig's bail at \$50,000. (Continued on Second Page.)

RESPONSES TO OPPORTUNITIES COME SLOWLY

Only About \$300 of the Needed Amount Has Been Given to Help Widows.

"GIVE EARLY" NEW SLOGAN

Fifty-three Children Among Fourteen Families Needing Mother's Care.

Give early. That slogan is the "Shop Early" and "Mail Early" injunctions, and you will have added to the hearts of the members of the families in the "fourteen opportunities" offered by The Times as Christmas investments in generosity.

Requests for the fund to be used in feeding fourteen families together are constantly slow this year. Only about \$300 has been received so far. The amount asked for is \$1,500.

Fifty-Three Children

That amount represents money needed to help children to continue at school, to help mothers who are working hard to keep their children out of institutions, to assist women who are trying to earn money for their families, to extend a helping hand to the blind, to the afflicted, and to the poor.

In these fourteen families are fifty-three children who need a mother's care. Sixteen adults are also afflicted by blindness, deafness, or other physical defects. Many of the contributions received so far indicate actual needs. One woman writes:

"I was looking over a list of needy ones and I decided which I had come to spare. I enclose \$2 for Opportunity No. 1. I may feel that I may spare more later."

Slogan Suggested. "Give early, and it will become contagious" is another slogan sounded in behalf of the opportunities. Never before have the early contributions been so few. If the "give early" slogan were followed as well as the "shop early" and "mail early" injunctions, the poor would be assured of a Merry Christmas, not only a good time for a day, but of aid that will help them maintain their homes throughout the year.

(Full List of Opportunities on Page Six.)

COLD TONIGHT, SAYS WEATHER PROPHET

Temperature of 28 Degrees Is Predicted—Tomorrow Will Be Fair, Forecaster Predicts

The mercury is going to crawl down into the thermometer bulb this evening, says the forecast given out at the Weather Bureau today, and a temperature of 28 degrees is predicted for Washington tonight.

Tomorrow will be fair, says the forecast with strong west and northwest winds.

Advancing northward from Tennessee and the Cumberland mountains, a heavy rainstorm struck Washington at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and for an hour the city was drenched. No damage was done, however, and the clouds began to grow lighter, with the result that a few minutes after noon the sun appeared through.

The rise in temperature has been very rapid, a change of more than 27 degrees being noted in less than six hours. But a rapid return to normal December weather is to be expected within twelve hours, say the experts.

President Visits Bride-Elect, Completes Details for Wedding This Evening



BY ARNOLD GENTHE, N.Y. FROM UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD

MRS. EDITH BOLLING GALT.

GERMANS TO CROSS GREEK LINE SOON FOR BABY M'ADOO

Assault on Anglo-French Positions at Saloniki Next Week Is Expected.

Ellen Wilson McAdoo, Granddaughter of the President, Christened at White House.

ATHENS, Dec. 18. German troops will cross the Greek frontier before the end of next week to renew the assault on the Anglo-French forces, according to reports circulated here today.

The information is said to have come from persons close to the German embassy. The allies will make their first determined stand about twenty miles north of Saloniki. Strong works, begun before the Anglo-French retreat from Serbia, are being completed, and are counted upon to check, if not to stop entirely, the invasion.

Greek authorities are lending every possible aid to the allies. A half of the military of railway, visited Saloniki yesterday and conferred with General Sarrail. Arrangements were made for more frequent and speedier communication between Saloniki and the Anglo-French front near the Greek border.

Fierce fighting continues in Montenegro and east of the river Drina, in Albania, with Austrians, Montenegrins and Bulgarians, and Serbs engaged.

Along the Serbo-Greek frontier operations have ceased completely. Saloniki dispatches said that not even an exchange of shell fire occurred yesterday.

The concentration of Austro-German troops along the Greek frontier, and especially in the vicinity of Thessalonika, a drive at Saloniki will be completed in the next three days, according to reports from the Balkan theater.

Surrounded by members of his family who will attend his wedding tonight, President Wilson, at noon today, acted as godfather at the christening of his only granddaughter, the seven-month-old daughter of Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo.

The Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, pastor of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, who presided at the simple services, bestowed on the baby the name Ellen Wilson McAdoo. The name "Ellen" was that of the late Mrs. Wilson.

In the driving room the infant was brought to the White House in a closed carriage. It was bundled up tightly in blankets and wrapped and kicked for air. The christening was held in the Blue Room. Standing with the President as sponsors were Mrs. Francis Pickens Spivey, the President's second daughter, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bates, his cousin, who acted as godmothers.

The others present, beside the mother and father, were Mrs. Margaret Wilson, the President's eldest daughter, Joseph R. Wilson, his brother, and the latter's wife, Mrs. Anne Howe, the President's sister. Mrs. Anne Cottonman, the President's niece, Mr. Scott, Mr. Harriet McAdoo, Martin, and the Misses Nona and Sallie McAdoo, daughters of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Following the christening, the President gave a luncheon to the party.

WILSON ALONE CAN AVERT AN OPEN RUPTURE WITH AUSTRIA

Second Peremptory Note Submitted to Chief Executive by Secretary Lansing for Approval.

Repetition of United States Demands, Almost an Ultimatum, Goes Tonight Unless President Orders Change.

A second and peremptory note demanding full reparation for the sinking of the Ancona will be sent to the Austro-Hungarian government before night.

Whether the note will be an ultimatum or will give Austria one more chance to satisfy the demands of the United States rests with President Wilson.

Secretary of State Lansing has taken his stand. He has submitted a memorandum to the President outlining a full draft of the note replying to Austria's unsatisfactory answer.

Officials admit that the situation is "very grave." The word "grave," they said, was used advisedly.

LANSING'S FACE DRAWN.

It was apparent from statements made at both the White House and the State Department that a diplomatic break with Austria-Hungary is considered imminent.

Baron Zwiernick, the Austrian chargé, at his own request, saw Secretary Lansing at the State Department as soon as he learned that the United States Government had definitely decided to send a second and peremptory note to his government. Baron Zwiernick was silent after his interview. He is known, however, to have been deeply grieved by the government's decision to send the note, and he is reported to be in a state of mind to make the efforts made by Count von Bernstorff during the critical stages of the Lusitania negotiations.

Secretary Lansing had a drawn face when he met newspapermen this morning. He had been up much of the night preparing the draft of the second note to Austria. It was significant that he said he did not expect to see President Wilson in connection with the Ancona note. This was accepted as an indication that Secretary Lansing has said what he considers the last word, and that there will be no further conferences over the note before it is sent to Vienna, unless President Wilson decides that the demands shall be toned down.

All Rests With Wilson.

The whole situation rests with the President. Secretary Lansing's draft of the note, now at the White House, approaches an ultimatum, but falls short of going to that extreme length. It rests with the President whether there shall be any further hopelessness left to prolong negotiations.

It can be authoritatively stated that the Lansing draft of the note sets forth that the United States stands unequivocally on the proposition that Austria must disavow the Ancona attack and make reparation, so far as is possible, for the lives of Americans sent to their death and the property of the submarine commerce responsible for the attack. It permits no quibbling on meeting the demands.

The United States government officials plainly indicated today, does not purpose to be drawn into any attacks on the veracity of the witnesses. The second note is the determination that the attack on the Ancona was an act of wanton slaughter, in violation of all laws of nations and of humanity, on the evidence of the Austro-Hungarian government itself.

All the Proof Necessary.

The official statement of the Austrian admiralty admitting that the Ancona was torpedoed while men, women and children remained on the deck is emphasized again as all the proof necessary.

It developed today that Baron Zwiernick had attempted to impress the testimony of Dr. Cecile Griel, the principal American witness, by attacking her veracity and by endeavoring to enter upon a discussion of the next few days of the next week or two, is negotiating to be recognized at the Capriol.

Dispute With Austria

Is Expected to Hasten Action on U. S. Defense

The possibility that the situation in Congress as to national defense will be profoundly affected by the international developments of the next few days of the next week or two, is negotiating to be recognized at the Capriol.

PLUNGE TO DEATH ON A SPOKANE CAR

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Seven persons lost their lives and twelve were injured, including several women, when a street car plunged through the North Division street bridge into the river here today.

A second car, following close behind that which took the plunge, hung suspended on the bridge of the open draw while the terrified passengers, in a panic, scrambled out of the rear exit. It was several minutes before firemen and patrolmen reached the scene. In the meantime a dozen or more men who struggled out of the partly submerged car and swam to the bank. The accident took place just before daylight and the car was crowded with workers. None had warning in time to jump. Requisitioning trucks and rowboats, rescuers circled the mass of debris and pulled out the bodies.

German Attaches to Sail On Dec. 22 and Dec. 28

Capt. Von Papen and Roy-Ed have notified the German embassy they probably will sail December 22 and December 28, respectively. They will sail on Holland-America line steamers bound for Rotterdam, going then by rail to Germany.

Two Big Features

"Don't," Says Ruth Purcell, Washington's Most Beautiful Girl, To Girls Who Want To Become Movie Actresses.

An intimate story from Miss Purcell on her experiences in the movie game.

Two Million Babies Are Face To Face With Death From Starvation Because of the Milk Famine In Germany.

America is appealed to for 1,000,000 quarts of condensed milk a day for shipment.

In The Sunday Times